

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:479

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PROPERTY SUCCESSION LAWS FOR CHRISTIANS

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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the property Succession Laws for Christians families in the country is biased against the women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Law Commission has given any recommendation for suitable amendments in the said laws to make it equally beneficial to both men and women;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI. D.V.SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (e) The 20th Law Commission of India in its 247th Report (2014) on "Sections 41 to 48 of the Indian succession Act of 1925 – Proposed Reforms" has recommended for amendment of sections 42 to 48 of the Indian Succession Act of 1925 to protect the interests of Christian women in matters of intestate succession. Said Report is available on its website www.lawcommissionofindia.nic.in. Since the subject matter of the report is relatable to a concurrent field subject, namely, Entry 5 of the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, comments/views of the State Governments and Union territory Administrations are being solicited.